

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **Fuel Tax Evasion Unit Increases Goals**

The Washington State Patrol Fuel Tax Evasion Unit has a hotline for citizens to use if they believe they witnessed fuel tax evasion. You can remain anonymous or leave your name. The number is 1-800-497-FUEL. Detectives from the Washington State Patrol (WSP) answer the phone during normal business hours and, if they are unavailable, a message can be left.

The Fuel Tax Evasion Unit is made up of members from the WSP's Criminal Investigation Division and the Department of Licensing Prorate and Fuel Tax Services. The unit's purpose is to work with and educate the public, fuel industry, and various branches of the government in fuel taxation; and to enforce criminal and civil laws relating to the importation, exportation, distribution, and use of motor fuel, special fuel, and aviation fuel. These education and enforcement efforts are crucial to identifying and collecting unpaid taxes.

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